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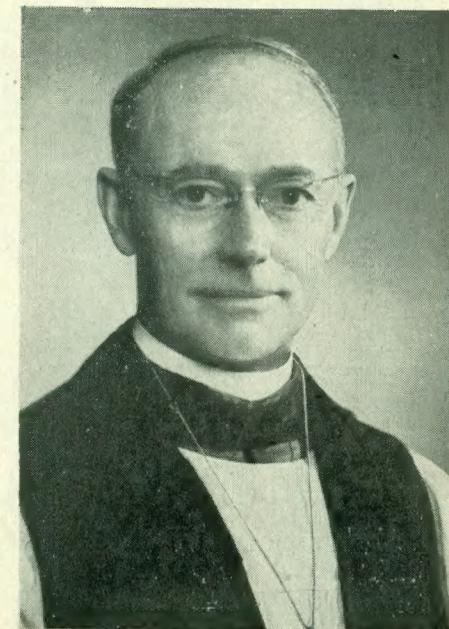
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THE RT. REV. WILLIAM P. REMINGTON, D. D., S. T. D.
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Church Organizations

The Choir, Meets Thursday evenings, Juniors, 6:30 P.M., Seniors, 8:00 P.M.

Mrs. John A. Jackson, Organist and Choir Leader.

The Women's Guild, Meets First and Second Tuesday evenings of each month, at eight o'clock. Mrs. Harold Lockwood, President.

Young People's Fellowship, Thomas Fox, President, meets Sunday evenings, seven-thirty o'clock.

The Altar Guild, Meets the Second Tuesday evening at eight o'clock. Miss Ruth Junieman, Directress.

Church School Superintendent, Mr. Theodore L. Sheppard.

Secretary, and Treasurer, Mrs. George F. Krall.

Superintendent, Beginners Department, Mrs. Joseph H. Schurig.

Superintendent, Primary Department, Mrs. Walter W. Schaaf.

Superintendent, Cradle Department, Mrs. Theodore L. Sheppard.

Superintendent, Home Department, Mrs. Andrew J. Richardson.

Week Day Activities

Brotherhood Bible Class, meets Second and Fourth Tuesday, 8:00 P.M.

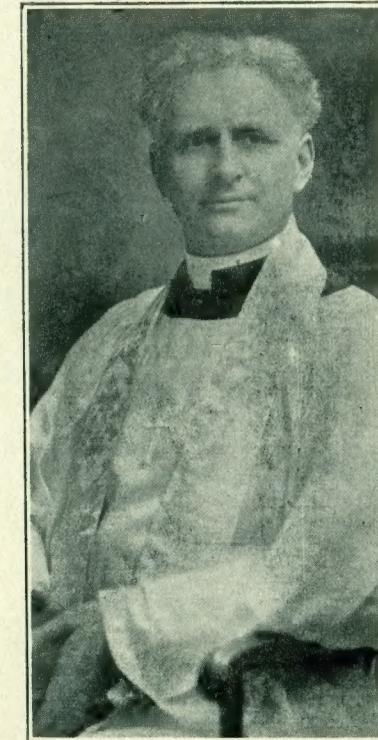
Young People's Fellowship, Wednesday, 8:00 P.M., weekly.

Queen Esther Guild, younger girls; each Saturday, 9:30 A.M.

The Friendly Indians, weekly, 6:30 P.M., Tuesday evenings.

Mayfair Community Brass Band, each Monday, 8:00 P.M.

Order of Saint Vincent, Third Monday in each month, 7:00 P.M.



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Church Services

Holy Communion, 8:00 A.M.,

Church School, 9:30 A.M.,

Morning Prayer with sermon, 11:00 A. M., Choral Holy Communion, first Sunday of each month.

Holy Communion, Feast Days, 9:00 A.M.,

Sunday Vespers, 4:30 P.M., during Advent and Lent.

Holy Baptism by appointment.

Kindly notify the rector when there is illness in the home, or where his presence will bring spiritual help. The rector can be reached at the church office, from eight o'clock in the morning to twelve-thirty o'clock, at noon, or by calling the rectory at any hour during the day or night.

The rector is ready at any hour to give help or advice to those who need it.

He will bring the service of Holy Communion to the aged in the home, or to those too ill to come to the church.

An Outline History Of The Church

Early in 1926, the Diocese of Pennsylvania, noticed that there was a large development of homes being planned on the fields and farms in the neighborhood of Cottman Street, west of Frankford Avenue. The Diocese decided that the Episcopal Church should prepare to cater to the religious needs of the people who would be moving into the new homes.

The lot on which the church stands, was purchased December 30, 1926. At the May, 1927 meeting of the Convocation of Germantown, held in St. Bartholomew's P. E. Church, Wissinoming, authority was given to organize a mission in Mayfair.

The Rev. Sydney Goodman, a man of deep piety, rector of Emmanuel Church, Holmesburg, was appointed, Priest in Charge.

A group of men from the Tacony Bible Class, who had been connected with Holy Innocents Parish, assisted Doctor Goodman. He began the first services for the Mission, in a rented house at 3400 Englewood Street.

This was the first religious society to be organized in our section of the city. Clergy and students, helped to maintain the life of the Mission. The first Church School session was held on Sunday afternoon, June 5, 1927, with four children present.

A long list of laymen, over the years, gave their efforts and money to lay the foundation of our present parish. There being no other church close by, families of all religious beliefs came to the services of the mission, and continued for some years to support the work, until their own church was built.

It was not until Sunday evening, January 8, 1928, that the first religious service was held, the Rev. Sidney Goodman officiating with the assistance of many local clergymen. Many of these clergy are living today, some have passed on to the

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life beyond. Among those who left their own work to help the Mission, was the Rev. Malcolm E. Peabody, D.D., now the Bishop of Central New York.

Bishop Thomas J. Garland, D.D., LL.D., D.C.L., laid the Corner Stone of the Mission, on Saturday, November 3, 1928, with students from the Philadelphia Divinity School, assisting the clergy in conducting the services. The Rev. John C. Rock, D.D., served the Mission as a student for nearly a year.

From the beginning of our history as a religious society, the women have been a spiritual and financial help and are responsible for a large part in the steady growth of the church.

The first Women's Guild was organized on January 19, 1928. Mrs. Samuel Ballam, Sr., was elected President, Mrs. J. Courtland Hamer, Vice President; Secretary, Mrs. George Mintzer; Treasurer, Mrs. Fred Buckner.

With the coming of our rector, the Rev. Samuel D. Ringrose, November 10, 1930, to take charge of the parish by the appointment of Bishop Garland, the Mission became a parish. The Vestry at that date included, Mr. James A. Downing, Rector's Warden; J. Gordon Waters, Accounting Warden; Mr. Herbert L. Evans, Registor, and Mrs. J. Courtland Hamer, Historian; Doctor Henry G. Blessing, Mr. Samuel Ballam, Sr.; Mr. Walter Huber; Mr. Lawrence Roessel; Mr. Charles Philips; Thomas Cluderay; Mr. Edwin Hambleton; Mr. Frank Metzler, and Mr. Charles J. Horstman.

When the church, in 1927, began its work, it depended upon the families who had moved to Mayfair, to secure a place of worship and meets its expenses. Everyone was buying their homes, monthly financial charges were high, wages small. With faith and courage, the few people in its membership went forth, to undertake a task God wanted them to do. When the church was built and ready for services, there were no seats for the congregation. A local funeral director loaned the seats necessary.

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The Germantown Convocation and the Diocese of Pennsylvania supported the mission with generous gifts. Small sacrificial gifts by members of the church enabled the work to go on.

Mrs. Mary M. Garrett, who was born on a farm that covered most of the land here in the Northeast, and was a member of the Holmesburg Emmanuel Episcopal Church, gave a large part of her wealth, which made it possible for the parish to go ahead with the work to be done. Without her gifts, the church would have carried on for years a heavy debt. Mr. Carl Minster was once her Sunday School boy, but she had lost track of him for many years. Finding him after forty years, active with his family in the beginnings of the building of the Church of the Resurrection, she gave over fifty thousand dollars for the settlement of debts, and paid for many of the necessary things the parish is now enjoying. The full extent of her gifts will never be known.

The church is financially strong today, and has enough money to build when ready, a rectory on the church grounds.

Land now enclosed by an iron fence along Englewood Street, will some day have a Cathedral type church for worship. The parish is free of debt, and has invested with the Church Foundation, and other investments, Twenty-Thousand Dollars, for building purposes.

On November tenth, 1930, the Vestry, with the approval of the Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Francis M. Tait, S.T.D., extended a call to the Rev. Samuel D. Ringrose, B.D., Curate at Saint James Episcopal Church, Twenty-Second and Walnut Streets, Philadelphia, to become rector of the parish, its first pastor.

The progress of the church has moved on with the years. All mortgages have been cleared. Where the parish once received financial aid from the Diocese, it is now increasing its gifts to the Diocese, each year. Its present amount is the largest in the history of the church.

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Two young men have gone into the ministry, one is still a student, while the other is the Rev. Herbert M. Barrell, Jr., rector, St. John's Church, Waterbury, Connecticut.

The parish has an investment of \$1600.00, the interest of which is to aid the youth of the church, who desire financial help while studying for the Episcopal ministry.

In World War II, one hundred and ten, of the youth of the parish were enrolled by the government for service.

Seven paid the supreme sacrifice. George J. Law and his brother, David W. Law, Harold Kern, Warren Crompton, William Brooks, George M. Berwagner and Harry Clunn.

The church has had the largest Sunday School in the Diocese. Sunday instructions and weekly activities for the youth have been well cared for. The sick and aged, have had personal care, and every call for service to the members of the parish and its friends have been met.

The Wardens and Vestrymen in these years, have been faithful men.

The rector has performed four hundred and two baptisms, five hundred and twenty-eight have been confirmed, one hundred and twenty-two weddings have taken place in the church, and the present rector has officiated at two hundred and eighty-two funerals.

We have taken only a page out of the church's history during the past twenty years. The service and gifts of many will never be known. It is our prayer, that the P. E. Church of the Resurrection, whose twentieth anniversary of the laying of the corner-stone of the first unit of the church, is being celebrated, will do her full share with the other parishes of the Northeast, and all its people, in bringing the Kingdom of God into the hearts of men.

And now as we face the future, confronted with new tasks, we pray that God will lead us on to nobler and better days.